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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dayton, Ohio

Docket No. 7204.00

Application of

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Robin J. Slater et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2187

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Examiner: Reba I. Elmore

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE
VALIDITY OF A DATA PROCESSING TRANSACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 4, 2004**, please amend the above-named application as follows: